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New York Times (Drew Middleton) reports from Paris October 8 that ChiComs have informed Burma, Cambodia, Guinea and Mali that Peiping will detonate a nuclear device sometime after October 31. Middleton cited "qualified diplomatic sources" as furnishing this information. Times speculated ChiComs disclosed this information to ward off anticipated the criticism that they were accelerating arms race and to prepare the way for "new diplomatic initiatives" among African and Asian countries. Radio Djakarta announced October 9 "several countries" also informed ChiCom nuclear detonation will take place before end of month. ~~xxxx~~

Action addressees should, in their discretion, endeavor elicit

corroborating information from host government and other local observers.

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